



# House of Representatives

## File No. 808

General Assembly

January Session, 2015

**(Reprint of File No. 124)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6892  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 11, 2015

### **AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL TRAINING AND PROCEDURES FOR PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED DEMENTIA.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1      Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective July 1, 2015*) On or after October 1, 2015,  
2      each hospital, as defined in section 19a-490 of the general statutes, shall  
3      be required to include training in the symptoms of dementia as part of  
4      regularly provided training to staff members who provide direct care  
5      to patients.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	New section
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***OFA Fiscal Note***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

***Explanation***

The bill requires hospitals to train direct care staff in the symptoms of dementia. As this requirement is expected to be incorporated as part of regular training, no additional costs are anticipated at the John Dempsey Hospital at the University of Connecticut Health Center.

House "A" struck the underlying bill and resulted in the fiscal impact noted above.

***The Out Years***

***State Impact:*** None

***Municipal Impact:*** None

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**OLR Bill Analysis****sHB 6892 (as amended by House "A")\******AN ACT CONCERNING HOSPITAL TRAINING AND PROCEDURES  
FOR PATIENTS WITH SUSPECTED DEMENTIA.*****SUMMARY:**

Starting October 1, 2015, this bill requires hospitals to train direct care staff in the symptoms of dementia as part of staff training they regularly provide.

Neither state law nor regulation specifies general training requirements for hospital direct care staff. In practice, hospitals must comply with clinical training requirements set by certain regulatory and accrediting agencies, including the federal Occupational Health and Safety Administration and the Joint Commission (an independent, national accrediting agency for hospitals and health care organizations), among others.

\*House Amendment "A" replaces the original file, which required the public health commissioner to adopt regulations requiring hospitals to (1) provide the dementia training to direct care staff and (2) share a patient's dementia diagnosis with any other state agency providing services to the patient.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 13 Nay 0 (03/05/2015)

## Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 16      Nay 11      (04/08/2015)